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Elections, nominations and appointments

1. The Council is to hold elections to the following bodies:

Commission on Human Settlements (E/1996/L.9)

Nineteen members are to be elected on the following basis:

Five seats for African States;
Four seats for Asian States;
Two seats for Eastern European States;
Three seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;
Five seats for Western European and other States.

In addition, the Council is to elect one member from African States and two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999 (see para. 4 below).

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/1996/19)

In accordance with its resolution 1985/17, the Council is to elect, for a four-year term, beginning on 1 January 1997, nine members who shall be experts with recognized competence in the field of human rights, serving in their personal capacity, due consideration being given to equitable geographical distribution and to the representation of different forms of social and legal systems. The Committee is composed of 18 members: 15 seats are equally distributed among the regional groups, while the other 3 seats are allocated in

accordance with the increase in the total number of States parties per regional group. The members of the Committee are eligible for re-election at the end of their terms, if renominated. The names of the candidates submitted by Governments and their curricula vitae will be before the Council.

Committee on Natural Resources

Twenty-four members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Six members from African States;
Five members from Asian States;
Three members from Eastern European States;
Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Six members from Western European and other States.

Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development

Twenty-four members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Six members from African States;
Five members from Asian States;
Three members from Eastern European States;
Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Six members from Western European and other States.

In addition, the Council is to elect three members from African States for a term beginning on the date of election (see para. 4 below).

Statistical Commission (E/1996/L.6)

Eight members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from Asian States;
One member from Eastern European States;
Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Three members from Western European and other States.

In addition, the Council is to elect one member from the Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999 (see para. 4 below).

Commission on Population and Development (E/1996/L.6)

Fourteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;
Three members from Asian States;
One member from Eastern European States;
Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Four members from Western European and other States.

In addition, the Council is to elect five members from African States. The initial terms of office will be determined by lot (see para. 4 below).

Commission for Social Development (E/1996/L.6)

Ten members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from African States;
Two members from Asian States;
One member from Eastern European States;
Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Three members from Western European and other States.

Commission on Human Rights (E/1996/L.6)

Fifteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;
Three members from Asian States;
One member from Eastern European States;
Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Four members from Western European and other States.

Commission on the Status of Women (E/1996/L.6)

Eleven members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;
Two members from Asian States;
One member from Eastern European States;
Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Three members from Western European and other States.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/1996/L.6)

Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Eight members from African States;
Four members from Asian States;
Two members from Eastern European States;
Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Three members from Western European and other States.

Commission on Sustainable Development (E/1996/L.6)

Sixteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;
Three members from Asian States;
Two members from Eastern European States;
Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Four members from Western European and other States.

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/1996/L.5)

Eleven members are to be elected on the following basis:

Two members from African States;
Two members from Asian States;
One member from Eastern European States;
Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Four members from Western European and other States.

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

Six members are to be elected on the following basis:

Two members from African States;
One member from Asian States;
One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Two members from Western European and other States.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund (E/1996/L.11)

Eleven members are to be elected on the following basis:

Two members from African States;
Two members from Asian States;
One member from Eastern European States;
Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Four members from Western European and other States.

Intergovernmental Working of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (E/1996/L.10)

Seventeen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Five members from African States;
Three members from Asian States;
One member from Eastern European States;
Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Six members from Western European and other States.

In addition, the Council is to elect one member from African States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997, and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996 (see para. 4 below).

International Narcotics Control Board

In accordance with the provisions of articles 9, paragraph 1 (a) and (b), and 10 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Council is to elect seven members of the Board for a five-year

term beginning on 2 March 1997. Two members are to be elected from a list of at least three candidates, having medical, pharmacological and pharmaceutical experience, nominated by the World Health Organization. The other five members are to be elected from a list of persons with the highest qualifications in such other areas as law, law enforcement, administration, diplomacy, economics and the social sciences, nominated by States Members of the United Nations and by parties to the Convention that are not members of the United Nations. The members of the Board are eligible for re-election. The names of the candidates submitted by Governments and their curricula vitae will be before the Council.

2. The Council will nominate members of the following body:

Committee for Programme and Coordination (E/1996/L.8)

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly decision 42/450, 20 members are to be nominated for election by the General Assembly, at its fifty-first session, to fill the vacancies in the Committee for Programme and Coordination that will occur on 31 December 1996. The term is three years, beginning on 1 January 1997. The vacancies are to be filled according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;
Four members from Asian States;
Three members from Eastern European States;
Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Five members from Western European and other States.

3. The Council will appoint members of the following body:

Board of Trustees of the International Training and Research Institute for the Advancement of Women

In accordance with article III of the statute of the Institute, the Board of Trustees is composed of 11 members nominated by States and appointed by the Economic and Social Council, with due regard to the fact that the Institute and its work are funded from voluntary contributions and to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. Members of the Board serve in their personal capacities for a three-year term. They are eligible for reappointment by the Council for one further term.

The term of office of three members of the Board expires on 30 June 1996. Taking into account the existing de facto geographical balance of the Board, endorsed by the Council at previous sessions, the Council is to appoint one member from African States, one member from Asian States and one member from Western European and other States for a three-year term, beginning on 1 July 1996. The names of the candidates submitted by their Governments and their curricula vitae will be before the Council.

4. The Council will also hold elections, postponed from previous sessions to the following bodies:

Commission on Human Settlements

One member from African States and two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999.

Statistical Commission

One member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999.

Commission on Population and Development

Five members from African States for a term beginning on the date of election for a term to be determined by lot.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Two members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election.

Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development

Three members from African States for a term beginning on the date of election.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

One member from African States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997, and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996.

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Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

1. In its decision 50/477 of 3 April 1996, the General Assembly decided to authorize the Economic and Social Council at its resumed organizational session, in May 1996, to decide on the question of the accreditation to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) of the non-governmental organizations that had not been recommended for accreditation by the Conference secretariat (A/CONF.165/PC.3/2/Add.4 and Corr.1, annex II).

2. In his letter dated 16 April 1996 to the Secretary-General, the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization requested the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed organizational session for 1996, to consider the question of transmitting the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development entitled Our Creative Diversity, to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session (E/1996/41).

3. The Council will have before it for consideration the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 1995 session (E/1996/17). This report contains, inter alia, a number of draft resolutions calling for action, which needs to be taken by the Council prior to its substantive session of 1996.

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Item 5. Increase in the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

4. The Council will have before it a note verbale dated 11 April 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, presenting his Government's candidature for membership in the Executive Committee (E/1996/20), and a note verbale dated 12 April 1996 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, tendering his Government's formal application for admission to membership in the Executive Committee (E/1996/21). The Council will consider recommending that the General Assembly take a decision on the question of increasing the membership of the Executive Committee.

Item 8. Elections, nominations and confirmations

5. The Council will hold elections, nominations and appointments (E/1996/2/Add.1).